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I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement made by the official spokesman of the Government of India on 23 April 1994, on the recent developments in Afghanistan.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) M. H. ANSARI
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement dated 23 April 1994 by the official spokesman of the Government of India on Afghanistan

The Government welcomes the current peace efforts initiated by the Secretary-General on Afghanistan. The Government is following with attention the mission being undertaken in this regard by the Secretary-General's Special Envoy.

The continuing violence in Afghanistan is a matter of profound regret. It is imperative that the international community make all efforts to bring the fighting to an immediate end and to pave the way for an enduring settlement that duly reflects the aspirations of the Afghan people. We have consistently stood for a united, independent and non-aligned Afghanistan free of foreign interference.

We have historical ties of friendship with Afghanistan. As a neighbourly country, we have an abiding concern for the welfare and prosperity of the Afghan people. India will be willing to contribute all possible humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan at this juncture and to participate in Afghanistan's reconstruction.